

Senator Mary Ann Handley
Representatives Barry, Thompson and Rojas
Connecticut General Assembly
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

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RE: HB 6266 - An Act Concerning the Practice of Acupuncture

Dear Senator Handley and Representatives Barry, Thompson and Rojas:

My name is Deborah and I am an acupuncture patient who lives in Manchester. I am writing to ask you to please support House Bill 6266 - An Act Concerning the Practice of Acupuncture. This bill has been raised by the Public Health Committee.

HB 6266 provides Title Protection to acupuncturists in Connecticut. This is important because it is a way to let consumers know who they are seeing and protects their interests in helping to assure that they see someone one who is fully trained and qualified. Licensed Acupuncturists have highly specialized training and skills and title protections help us to identify those qualified practitioners. It also assures that the practitioner has passed the national board exam known as the NCCAOM.

As a veteran of the 1st Gulf War and an acupuncture patient myself, I can only begin to tell you how acupuncture has impacted my life and well being for the better. I also am very aware of how important it is to find a practitioner who is competently trained because this is my health and I want to be sure that I have someone who is qualified caring for me. It took me awhile to start having acupuncture because I was confused as to whom to go to. After learning the differences between the training I know that I made the right choice. It is important for people to know that Licensed Acupuncturist means extensively trained and full credentials.

Please pass this bill so that the public is clear on whom they are seeking care from and that they do not delay the treatment that is so vital to their health.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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